

Easter is Around the Corner

Are You Ready?

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From a sophisticated downtown home to the young at heart, there is something for everyone.

Since the new year I have been busy working with my clients on indoor recommendations such as de-cluttering, packing, cleaning and painting to prepare for the spring market. Most of us are tired of being inside so for a change I thought it would be nice to share a few ideas that I have, to get you outside and ready for spring.

One of my favourite décor ideas for the outside of your home is a pussy willow urn. I just prepared one for a property in downtown Toronto. This was quick and easy and it finished off their front entrance for spring.

You will need:

an urn, a wreath, pussy willows, moss, and floral foam

1. Start with an empty urn and place any type of grapevine, straw or foam wreath on top of the urn that is the same size as the urns inner edge
2. Place floral foam in the bottom of the urn
3. Cut some pussy willow sticks shorter than others and place them into the foam in the urn
4. Cover the wreath with moss for that natural look
5. You could add a little bird feeder as I did, a spring sign or a bunny for cheer

Sprucing up your front door for Easter with colourful wreaths is another idea to bring in the spring. For this property we hung an egg wreath on each door and colour co-ordinated the wreaths with the doors. I prefer seeing a wreath on each door if you have a double set of doors, even if one door is not operating – it provides great balance and makes your double doors stand out better.



The third example is a transitional container. Originally this container was filled with florist foam, and layered with white sticks, boxwood and pinecones for a winter display. All I did to transform this container for spring was to remove the pinecones, move all the boxwood behind the white sticks, added in green moss, a bunny, some eggs and voila! To take this one step further, add in some potted tulips when the weather is warmer and you will have a beautiful and colorful display right at your front door.

For the young at heart, hang eggs from the tree – the kids will love it and it might make it easier for the Easter Bunny as well. With these ideas you will surely be able to impress your guests and create a seasonal look for spring.



Thanks to everyone who stopped by the Newmarket Home Show to visit us. On April 30th, we are participating at the East Gwillimbury Women's Show at the Holland Landing Community Center – all proceeds to "WEGIVE to Southlake." *Susan Crema-Martin is a Certified Elite Canadian Staging Professional – CCSP Mentor, and President, York Region - Real Estate Staging Assoc. - RESA. If you have a question for Susan, send your questions to: info@thebulletinmagazine.com*

